Legislative Fiscal Bureau Fiscal Note

SF 2249 - Hunting Licenses, Nonresident Landowner (LSB 5937 SV) Analyst: Deb Kozel (Phone: (515) 281-6767) (deb.kozel@legis.state.ia.us)

Fiscal Note Version - New

Description

Senate File 2249 allows a non-resident owner of agricultural land to receive a wild turkey hunting license and/or a deer-hunting license after proof of ownership is provided to the Department of Natural Resources. A non-resident that has joint ownership with a resident is not eligible.

Assumptions

- 1. The number of non-resident agricultural landowners that hunt is unknown.
- 2. Revenues from the sale of hunting licenses are deposited into the Fish and Game Protection Fund.
- 3. The maximum number of non-resident deer applications received by the Department of Natural Resources is 10,500. Approximately 8,000 non-resident licenses are sold each year leaving 2,500 unfilled applications. The cost of a non-resident deer license is \$308.
- 4. During the 2001 Spring Season, there were 2,000 applications for wild turkey hunting licenses and 2,000 licenses were sold. The cost of a non-resident wild turkey license is \$188.

Fiscal Impact

An estimate of the fiscal impact of SF 2249 cannot be determined due to insufficient information.

The following information is provided to show the increase in license revenues to the Fish and Game Fund, based on various levels of participation by non-resident owners of agricultural land.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(3) x (4)
	Percent of			
Total	Non-resident	Potential	License	
Applications	Landowners	Licenses	Cost	Revenue
2,500	5%	125	\$ 308	\$ 38,500
2,500	10	250	308	77,000
2,500	25	625	308	192,500
2,500	50	1,250	308	385,000

Source

Department of Natural Resources

/s/ Dennis C Prouty

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The fiscal note and correctional impact statement for this bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and pursuant to Section 2.56, <u>Code of Iowa</u>. Data used in developing this fiscal note and correctional impact statement are available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.